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PATENT FILING TRANSMITTAL

Transmitted herewith for filing is the Patent Application of: Nicholas R. Dono and Bengt-Olaf Schneider

For: METHODS AND APPARATUS FOR SELF DESCRIBING DEVICES

TYPE OF FILING

This new patent application is for a(n):

- ☒ Utility
☐ Design
☐ Plant
☐ Divisional
☐ Continuation
☐ Continuation-in-part

Benefit of a prior filed application

- ☐ This application claims the benefit of an earlier filed U.S. Patent Application under 35 USC 120.
☐ Please accord Applicant the benefit of the priority date of _____ to this case pursuant to 35 USC 119. Applicant's claim for priority is based on application _____ filed in _____ on that date.

Filing under 37 CFR 1.53 (Utility) or 37 CFR 1.153 (Design)

- ☒ This is an application filed pursuant to 37 CFR 1.53 or 37 CFR 1.153, permitting receipt of a filing date upon filing of a specification, at least one claim and necessary drawings.
☒ In the event any parts of this application are incomplete, please treat this as a filing under 37 CFR 1.53 or 37 CFR 1.153.

ENCLOSURES

- ☒ 11 - pages of written description;
☒ 8 - pages of claims;
☒ 1 - pages of abstract;
☐ _____ - sheets of formal drawings;
☒ 3 - sheets of informal drawings;
☒ Declaration and Power of Attorney or listing of inventors;
and
☒ Two postcards for return to us as proof of receipt of the above documents.

plus

- ☒ An Assignment of the invention to IBM Corporation and an Assignment cover sheet;
☐ Verified Statement Claiming Small Entity Status (37 CFR 1.9(f) and 1.27(b))
☐ Form PTO-1449 (IDS) and two copies of the references listed thereon;

- ☐ A certified copy of _____ (country) patent application number (priority document).
- ☐ A preliminary amendment;
- ☐ Declaration of Biological Deposit;
- ☐ Submission of sequence listing, computer readable copy and/or amendment relating thereto for biotechnology invention containing nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence;
- ☐ An associate power of attorney;
- ☐ Other.

DECLARATION OR OATH

The enclosed Declaration or Oath has been executed by:

- ☒ Inventor(s);
- ☐ Legal representative of the inventors (37 CFR 1.42 or 1.43);
- ☐ Joint inventor or person showing proprietary interest on behalf of an inventor who refused to sign or who cannot be reached and this is a petition required by 37 CFR 1.47 and the statement required by 37 CFR 1.47 is attached;
- ☐ Has not been executed and is enclosed for the purposes of identifying the inventors.

INVENTORSHIP STATEMENT

The inventorship for all the claims in this application is:

- ☐ the same;
- ☐ not the same and, as an explanation, a statement is/ will be submitted.

LANGUAGE

The application submitted herewith is:

- ☒ in English;
- ☐ in not in English and in terms of 37 CFR 1.52(d) a verified translation is
 - ☐ attached
 - ☐ not attached.

FEE CALCULATION

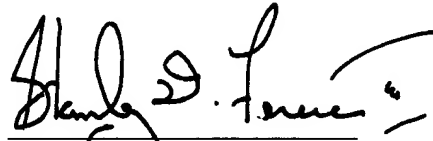
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Respectfully submitted,



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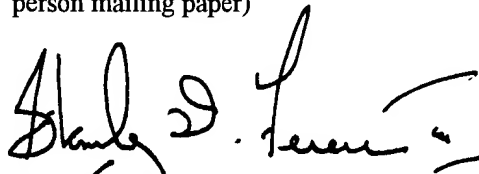
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Patent Application
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Claims 1-32
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